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<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Synod,-an-opportunity-to-stop-the-Christian-exodus-from-Iraq-19703.html>

The Christians in the Middle East were in the early twentieth century, 20% of the population, but today, they account for less than 10%. In Iraq, according to the **United States Commission on International Religious Freedom**, there were approximately one million Christians in Iraq prior to the war. Today, there are only about 500,000.